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Student aid funds likely to decrease

by Maureen Gauvin

There is every indication next year will be a lean year for student aid and funds will become more restrictive according to director of student aid, Burt Batty.

Before President Jimmy Carter left office he recommended in his 1981 budget there be no significant increases in student aid and suggested funds become more restrictive.

President Ronald Reagan wants to dissolve the Department of Education from a cabinet position and student aid could be in jeopardy if this happens, according to Batty. If the department is dispersed into 100 different agencies, the amount of attention paid to student aid programs by the president and congress may become diluted. Batty said it is difficult to speculate what Reagan will do with Carter's budget, but he suspects Reagan will make further cuts in the student loan area.

Governor Joseph Brennan has recommended zero funding for the Maine state scholarship program. The loss of resources would be a quarter of a million dollars to approximately 1800 UMO students, according to Batty. Most of the students receiving this money come from families who earn under \$15,000.

"It is cutting money from students who

need it most and can't afford the rising cost of education," Batty said.

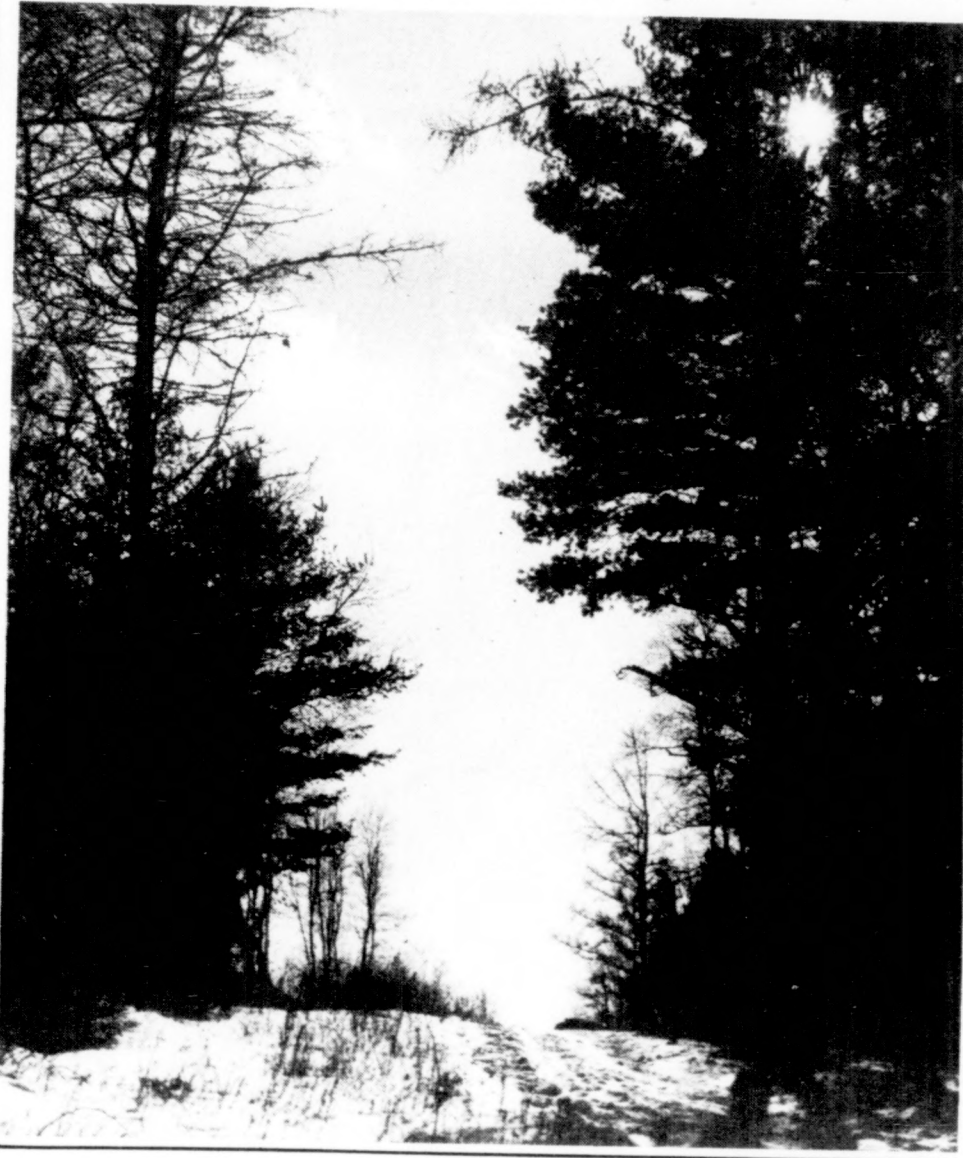
The Maine State Scholarship Program is portable to Maine students going to Massachusetts schools. If Maine folds the scholarship program, Batty fears Massachusetts would prevent students from bringing scholarship money into Maine. There is approximately \$50,000 brought into Maine in Mass. scholarships.

Batty feels a room and board increase is inevitable and a tuition increase is certainly a possibility. He said it is too early to say what any increase will be.

"Some hard decisions will have to be made by this office," Batty said. "Two alternatives are possible, of the 8000 students who applied for aid last year, 4980 received it. We may cut down on this number of people receiving aid and supplement the rest with a higher amount of aid. Or we may continue to fund the same amount of students but with less money. The average student need may

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The sun is shining after Monday's heavy rains, but barely enough snow remains to satisfy even the most avid cross-country skier.



\$100,000 allocated

University invests in fire protection equipment

by Jack Connolly

The University of Maine has cooperatively set aside \$100,000 to upgrade fire alarm and fire detection systems in its dormitories.

The \$100,000 covers the entire Univer-

sity of Maine system and is an extension of a two year program designed to meet present fire code regulations. The upgrading of fire systems in campus housing in the two years has cost between \$150,000 to \$175,000 covering all the university branches.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration, Richard Eustis, told university trustees of the continuation of the program at the last trustee meeting. Eustis said, "We want to be sure that all dormitory fire alarm systems comply with current fire codes. We want all the dorms to have

automatic fire detection equipment."

That means equipping dorms with alarms that will be triggered by smoke or fire instead of having to be manually pulled.

Two-thirds of the housing facilities on the Orono campus have the automatic detection systems. Eustis said the remainder of the dorms would be upgraded by the start of the fall semester this year.

The money for the project is being generated on a matching basis. The university system has set aside \$50,000 from the major maintenance budget and that amount is being matched by the Orono campus.

Eustis said, "We must be constantly aware of safety regulations. We monitor fire safety regularly and maintain records of where we are. We knew the upgrading needed to be done and so it was proposed to the chancellor." He said the actual work on campus would be done by both university employees and outside contractors.

Asked if there was a fire danger in the dorms not already equipped with automatic detection equipment, Eustis said, "I'm not sure we're ever going to have all of the hazards removed from a given building. There are certain things we just have no control over. Our job is to just make the dorms as safe as possible."

David Fielder, who is the assistant director of fire services, said the university is trying to improve on new ideas in fire prevention.

"In the future when we conduct our fire drills, we're going to employ different methods. Instead of students just hearing an alarm and leaving the building, they will leave from an exit that is simulated to be impassable. We need to stress the use of

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Reagan's inaugural stirs student

by Maureen Gauvin

Few college students get a chance to witness a historical event like the inauguration of the nation's president but a UMO sophomore was one of the lucky ones.

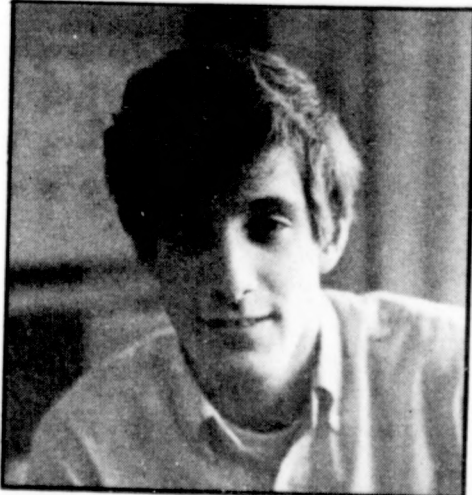
Mike Saltz, a 19-year-old Electrical Engineering major from Portland, Maine, was selected to work on the inauguration and transition committees. Saltz worked for the Reagan/Bush campaign on a national level with the youth across the country.

Of the 6,000 young people who worked on the campaign, 20 were selected by the national Reagan/Bush advisory board to work on the committees, according to Saltz.

Saltz took a semester off from school to work on the campaign. As a result of this work he was invited to the inauguration events.

"The closing fireworks had to be my favorite event. It was a heartwarming experience, on my way to pick up my car to go to the inaugural ball. I looked up and saw the fireworks," Saltz said. "People

were so close, that was the day the hostages were released and we witnessed the swearing in of the president and the vice-president. It was almost like we were one, all American citizens. We were like a family yet no one knew each other."



Mike Saltz, who attended President Reagan's inauguration. [photo by Todd Collins]

Saltz also enjoyed the swearing in of the president and vice-president. Saltz enjoyed the gala because he had never seen so many famous actors rallying around a cause.

Saturday, January 18, the official inaugural events began with the inaugural opening ceremonies at Lincoln Memorial. On Sunday Saltz attended a Governor's reception where he saw Gov. Brennan. Brennan was surprised to see Saltz because he thought he was a Democrat.

On Monday Saltz attended various receptions and concerts. On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Saltz attended the swearing in of President Ronald Reagan and Vice-President George Bush. That night he attended nine out of the 10 inaugural balls. He said they were "all fantastic and beautiful in their own way."

The total cost of the various inaugural events ranged from \$1,370.00-\$18,630.00. Saltz paid to attend some of the events and received complimentary tickets from Vice-President Bush for others.

Hilltop Health Club offers free, comprehensive facility

by Annette Higgins

"I take out my frustrations on the punching bag at the health club rather than on the dorm," Frank Stetson, an Oxford Hall RA, said.

Last September, Nancy Arsenault, Oxford Hall resident director and Scott Anchors, Hilltop complex director, began working on a hilltop health club.

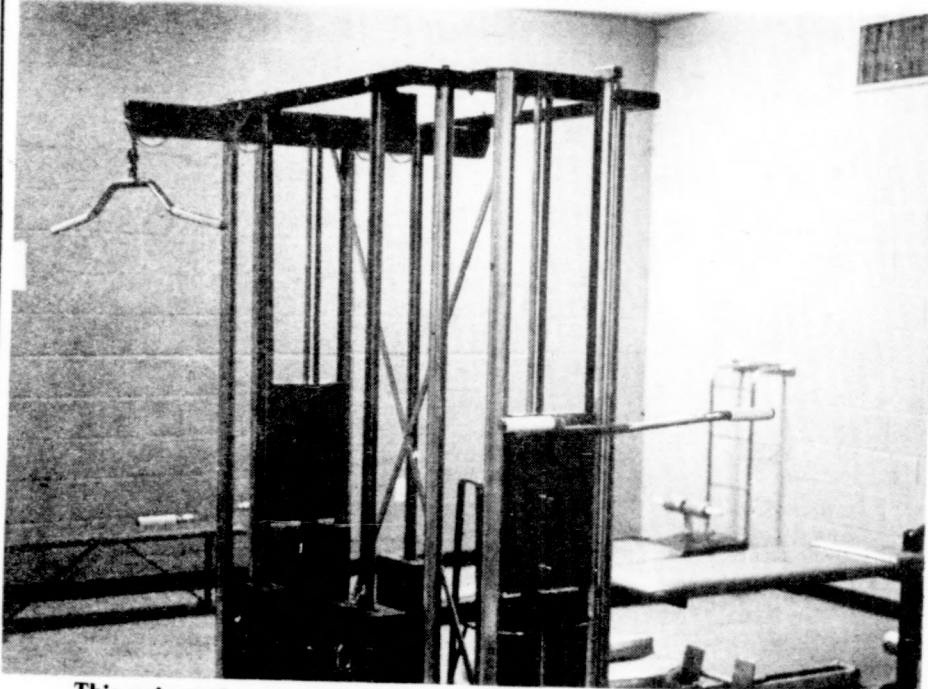
"We wanted to create a comprehensive health facility which offered educational information, individual

health club is maintenance costs of equipment, Arsenault said.

"Rich LaRoche and Earl Wolf from the men's gym, have been more than helpful with equipment maintenance. They spend a lot of their own time," she said.

"It's \$20.00 for a field house pass where it costs nothing to use the equipment here," Eric Kell, an Oxford resident, said.

There is no problem with students abusing the equipment according to Arsenault.



This universal gym weightlifting machine is one of the facilities offered at the Hilltop Health Club. [photo by Todd Collins]

assistance, classes, equipment and a general atmosphere of health and fitness," Anchors said.

The Health Club, located in Oxford Hall, is open 24 hours, staffed 6p.m. to 9p.m. and available to students campuswide. There is no fee to use the facility. It currently offers equipment, classes, workshops, and individualized exercise programs.

According to Anchors, funds are being raised to include locker rooms, a steam room, and a whirlpool.

The biggest problem with the

"Everyone's there for the same reason. Regular users are pretty good about the equipment," Kell said.

Kell also said he thought there has been a lot of improvement in the facility in the last semester.

Magazines on running and weight lifting are available as well as pamphlets on fitness from the Cutler Health Center.

"We encourage individualized programs and check-out equipment is available," Arsenault said.

Student aid may decrease

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rise from \$300.00 to \$500.00."

Batty stresses it is important to file the forms on time this year. The student aid office may only honor applications filed on time. He recommends students file by March 1 and no later than April 15.

Batty suggested students may want to make a four year program into a five year program by taking a reduced course load and working. He advises this may not be the most successful way if tuition continues to increase.

He also suggests alternatives to students who do not receive as much aid as they need. Students may have to borrow from

different sources such as the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. He said they will maintain a reasonable workstudy program this summer but need to save the funds for next year. Students may have to seek off campus jobs.

"It is hard to balance the books with the increasing tuition and less aid available to students," Batty said. "I would like to see the current tuition level maintained. But with the possibility of increases, our approach at student aid will be an equitable one. We will try to continue aid to those who have received it before and to give as much assistance as possible to those applying for the first time."

Orono pre-law students prepared for law school

by Dave Getchell

UMO students interested in going on to law school won't find their UMO education a liability if their grades are good enough, but neither is it a guarantee for success.

"The largest number of students accepted here at the University of Southern Maine School of Law are UMO graduates," Mary-Lou Dyer, assistant dean of the law school, said.

"We find that a good UMO student usually makes a good law student," she said. "Once here, they seem to be evenly distributed at the top, middle, or bottom of their class, like a random sampling. Those from a strong program like history or political science do well, they have a sound preparation for law school."

Eugene Mawhinney, pre-law adviser and political science professor at UMO, said a student's acceptance at law school depends on grade point average and LSAT (Law School Admittance Test) scores.

"A student with low grades and a poor score on the LSAT cannot expect to be admitted to any law school," Mawhinney said, "but a UMO student with about a 4.0 GPA and a good LSAT score has as good a chance of being admitted to law school as does a student from Harvard with the same GPA."

Dyer said, "What's necessary for law study is the ability to read well, write well, and analyze problems well. The LSAT's are a yardstick to see how students can handle legal-type thinking."

Mawhinney said, "Pre-law advising is to help students with such things as applications, admissions and course choices at UMO. There is no set pre-law curriculum, but we call attention to

developing writing and speaking ability and other courses that are important to a student's background."

He has worked closely with the speech and mathematics departments regarding courses beneficial to pre-law students, such as analytical reasoning and argumentation.

The USM School of Law has an excellent reputation, Mawhinney said, with high entrance requirements. Some students who cannot get into USM's three-year law school can get into other schools with lesser requirements, he said.



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Fire alarm investment

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alternate routes."

Fielder said they are constantly improving their public education programs through the purchase of new films, improving evacuation plans, and through upgrading equipment. The fire marshal stressed the fact that there is a need and concern for improvements in fire prevention. He recently returned from an extended study into such concerns.

Enforcing fire regulations and operating the university fire department are just two of Fielder's all important tasks. He also determines the origins of university fires and develops public education programs bringing fire prevention into the public eye.

He said so far this year there have been two inconsequential fires on the campus. One, early in the year, involved a motor vehicle fire and the other was a small fire that occurred in Somerset hall but was easily kept under control.

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Pre-med students confront legislators

by Mike Finnegan

Avenues open to counter Gov. Joseph Brennan's budget proposal to discontinue access to New England medical schools were discussed by 70 pre-med students and members of the Maine legislature Tuesday.

In 202 Shibles Hall the legislators met with pre-med students to hear what the students had to say. The three legislators opened the meeting and the information students received was not heart warming.

Rep. Swift Tarbell, assistant minority floor leader, explained to students how the legislative process takes place. "Budget proposals are presented in two parts. Part one includes all programs that exist today and part two includes new programs and funding to be debated," Tarbell said.

Tarbell said, "by the fact that it (medical-program) has not been included by the governor in part one of the budget means that it had been cut already."

According to Tarbell, pre-med students will have to bring to bear some influence on the appropriations committee, 10 member legislative staff, the governor, and his aides providing the broad base feeling

about the budget cut.

Rep. Mike Pearson, chairman of the appropriations committee, stated that he had received a letter from a junior medical student at the University of Maine, that stated New York had offered to buy up any slots in the medical school, the state of Maine no longer chose to finance.

All of the legislators felt a need for the medical program and stressed students should write letters starting from the governor on down. Students were also made aware of the appropriations committee scheduled hearing March 4, 1981 in Augusta to discuss the medical program. The legislators expressed a hope that procedures might be sped up to let the pre-med students and 10 New England medical schools know the fate of the program.

Sen. Howard Trotsky, chairman of the education committee, quoted from a letter he received from Tufts Medical School pointed up the importance of the medical school contract existence.

According to Trotsky, in the two years prior to the medical contract, Maine residents acceptance rate at Tufts was 11.8 percent out of 6,187 applicants. In the five

years following in the medical contract, the percent of Maine residents accepted had doubled to 23 percent and of all 50 states; Maine's acceptances had risen from fortieth to first.

The pre-med students present at the meeting voiced dissatisfaction with the state for "crushing dreams almost realized." The pre-med students were informed by Kathryn Stoddard that a Maine Student Health Committee was newly formed and intended to represent pre-med students by holding meetings at

UMO and going to Augusta.

Student and administrators alike voiced concern to the legislators that the pre-med program was an asset to state, school and individual person.

"It's interesting that the students have been attracted to UMO for this area of study. The area (pre-med) has been one of the great strengths of the university and now you are hitting at the heart of the academic program as well as the hearts of the individuals that depend on the program," William Bryon, assistant director of admissions, said.

Student senate gives \$3,135 to four groups

by Katrina Morgan

The fencing club was the beneficiary of a generous Student Senate last night as they received \$1,719 with little debate.

Mike Edwards, captain of the fencing club, asked the senate to allocate this money to the club for new equipment and expenses. Edwards said the club tries to raise funds on their own through public demonstrations and car washes but the new equipment is very expensive.

"We've tried to become a varsity sport ever since I've been here," said Edwards. But there has been a freeze on establishing new sports since Howard Neville was president of UMO.

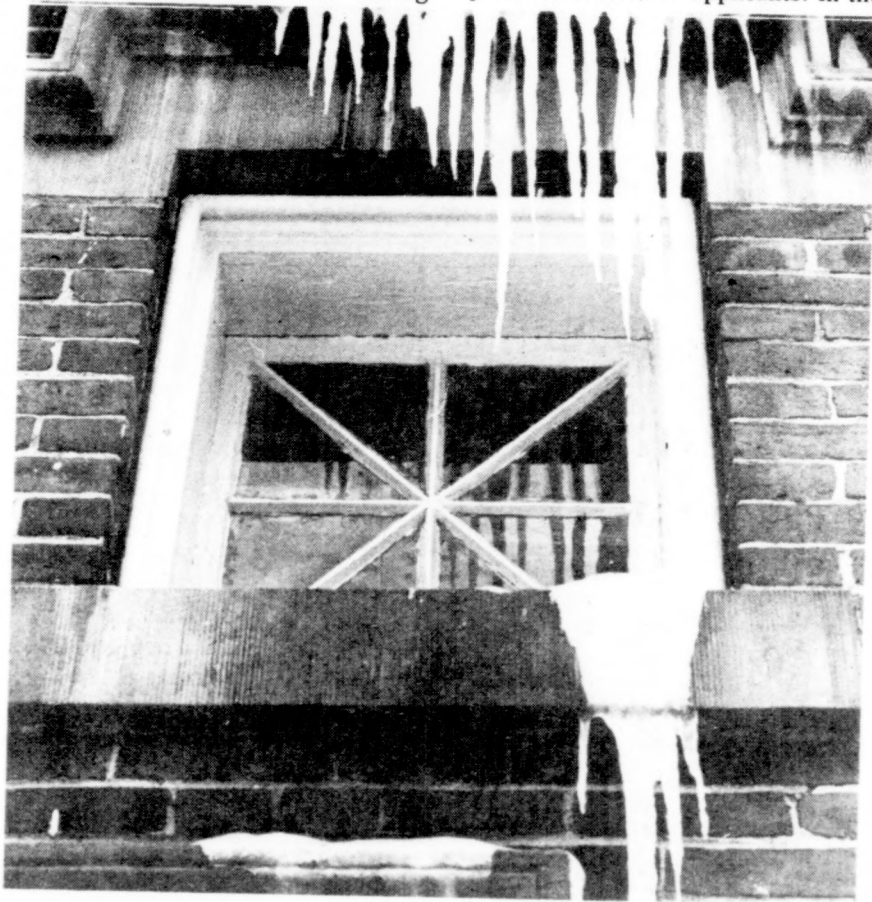
The senate also allocated \$787.95 to the University Amateur Radio Club for new equipment and repairs.

Jeff Lewis, a representative from the club told the senate amateur

radio is a public service and carries messages around the world. The senate approved the allocation unanimously.

Alpha Phi Omega was granted \$460.80 for the continuation of their education program with inmates. The money was needed for films stencils, and tape recorders. Gregory Phelps, president of the fraternity, said this is the only service fraternity on campus and the brothers needed the money to continue their education program.

The senate also approved the allocation of \$167.50 to the Fair Election Practices Committee to promote the upcoming student elections. It was approved that the Maine Student Health Contract Committee should be allowed to use the GSS bulk mailing rate to send out their message to the state's high schools and legislature.



These icicles, a sign of the cold wave gripping the state, will probably remain with us for awhile. Temperatures are expected to remain below freezing for the next few days.

LOWDOWN

12 n. ENERGY FORUM. Films: "The Other Way," "Power to Change." Sutton Lounge, Union.

2:30-7:30 p.m. RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE. Sponsored by APO/GSS. Kennebec Hall.

12 n. FOCUS ON WOMEN. Sandra Gardiner will speak on "The Parenting Option." Coe Lounge, Union.

3-5p.m. SAS SEMINAR. Also meets Feb. 11 and 18. 130 Barrows.

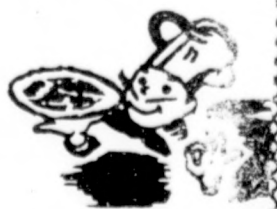
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Editorials

Quantity or quality?

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This is the dilemma faced by the university faculty.

In a quality of life panel discussion Monday at the Memorial Union, BCC English Professor Ruth Nadelhaft complained that student numbers are increasing while faculty numbers have stayed the same or decreased. This leads to an atmosphere of factory production of students, she said, and a lack of a quality education.

An increasing student population in relation to the numbers of faculty to teach them can make money for the university, but students will suffer.

It is generally the introductory level classes which are the largest, packing in as many as 500 students for some course sections. And it's mostly the freshmen who take these courses.

How can a freshman, thrown into a completely new situation, begin to find a niche when he can get only minimal individual attention from instructors in these classes? Not only can he suffer academically from this lack of assistance, but mentally as well. Finding an identity can be a real challenge. When a student is treated as "one of the masses," this can be virtually impossible.

It is applaudable that faculty members and other administrators admit this university has serious problems. This is the first step in the right direction.

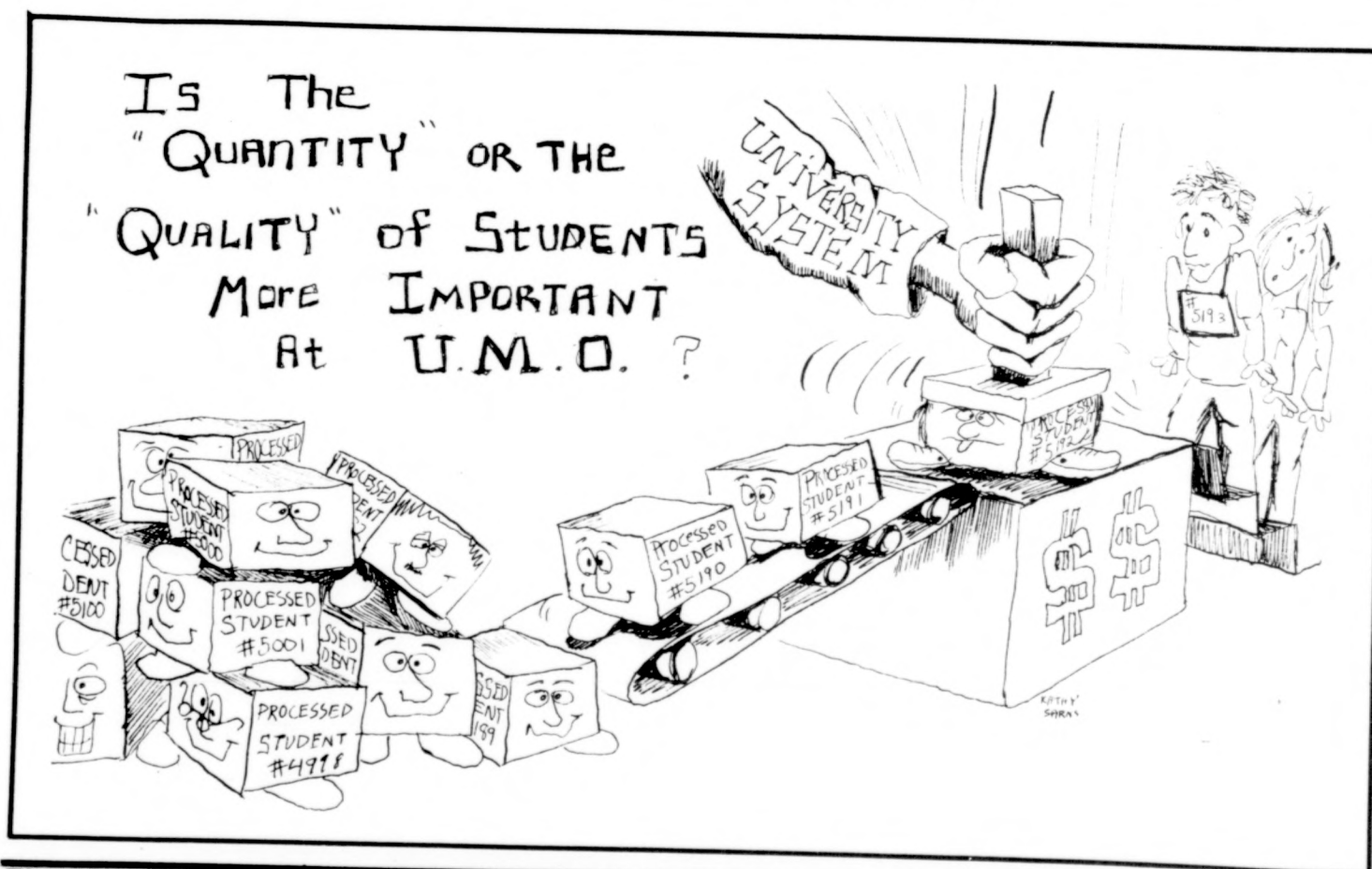
Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Aceto, who also attended the quality of life discussions, was also concerned about a student's emotional growth. He said the university probably knows more about how trees grow than how students grow.

Aceto has an idea which should be seriously considered. He says if we the university monitored the perceptions and attitudes of students from their freshman through senior years, valuable insight could be gained into exactly what this university gives to students. If students appear to be just as close-minded, just as ill-informed their senior year as they were four years before, a reappraisal of the teaching process would have to be undertaken.

How would we magically monitor all these qualities? A standardized testing system has been developed and is in use at colleges and universities across the nation.

Answers to questions such as, "Do you read a newspaper regularly?" or, "How often do you attend university-sponsored concerts?" can lead to useful insights.

Maybe a standardized test isn't the answer to improving the quality of life at this university. But it is the badly-needed first step in the right direction. University officials should seriously consider implementing such a program.



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Add Droppings

Foreign film festival

The languages department, in conjunction with the FOCUS program of the union, has started a foreign film festival. It will be held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., in 101 English Math, and it is free.

The quality of the films is excellent and comparable to foreign films being shown in Boston and New York.

Last night's feature, *The Tin Drum*, was the foreign film academy award winner for 1980, and most of the other films are also new releases.

In an area like Bangor, it is difficult to come across quality foreign films, excluding those featured at the Westgate. There are no film societies, so it seems that all too often, when a person wants to go see a movie, he is subjected to whatever Hollywood has churned out recently.

This, to some extent, is true of the other movies offered on campus. The majority of the time, we are given the past decades big hit or last year's big flop, although they all do come at a good price relative to the real world.

There doesn't seem to be enough old film festival-type events being offered on campus. Where else but in college do people have a chance to sit down and watch old Charlie Chaplin films for twelve hours straight.

That is what is so refreshing about this newly initiated series. There are films in Spanish, French, German and Italian, most of which few students have ever heard of. And apparently, the word is getting around. There have been standing room only crowds at both shows.

Aside from the showing, there is also a discussion of the film afterwards, for those members of the audience who relish viewing and reviewing a movie in their minds. These discussions can be stimulating although not always well attended.

Best of all, it widens everyone's perspectives to see a movie from a different culture. That is what the experience of college is all about and this is one of the many ways to experience it. Through movies, books, records and speaking, we can not only learn about other cultures, but we can also learn about our own.

It is a shame that Bangor does not have all the cultural events to offer that other metropolises have. We don't have the option of going to 10 different museums, or 100 movie theaters. It's either Hauck Auditorium or the Brewer Mall, and what kind of a choice is that.

Unfortunately, we can not depend upon Bangor for our cultural activities. It is Orono and the university that is the cultural hub of the area. We, the student and faculty, are all the spokes that make the hub. Only we can organize more programs like the film festival or the dance demonstration that is going on right now.

In doing so, we enrich the university and all of Maine for every one who is living here. So let's thank the languages department and Dona Kercher for putting the program together.

Letters



EQUAL TIME

The *Maine Campus* welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief and include a name and telephone number.

Names will be withheld only under special circumstances. "Anonymous" and open letters, although welcome, will not be published.

The *Maine Campus* reserves the right to edit letters for libel, clarity, taste and to fit available space.

Students have no refinement

To the Editor:

Apparently Frank Westover was not alone in his opinions about the "hoopla around the president's inauguration being nonsense" which was mentioned in Monday's *Campus* (2/12). This was easily reflected at the Inauguration ceremony held yesterday in Memorial Gym. The absence of the student body was obvious and appalling. The few of us students who did attend were extremely embarrassed and ashamed. Why is there

such a huge lack of pride and support on this campus? Why is it that no one cares?

For the first time in 15 years we had the honor of inaugurating our president. We had the opportunity to take part in a classy and refined affair. The hundreds of empty seats proved that the majority of students at this university have no class or refinement. It was pitiful to stand amid rows and rows of empty seats. I can just imagine what the Governor and the delegates from across the country thought, never mind President Silverman and his family.

It's people with an attitude like Frank's that ruin this university. The lethargy and apathy that goes on here is disgusting. Every student that could have attended the ceremony yesterday but didn't, owes President Silverman an apology.

As President Silverman said in his address, university comes from the Latin word "universitat" which means community. Let's go folks, this is *our* community, let's make it prosper. Let's get off our duffs and do something. Let's take some initiative and give some support. Don't let somebody else do it, do it yourself, take a little pride. There was no excuse for all those empty seats. Let's get rid of all the Frank Westovers and make this university a better place.

Sincerely,
Steve Ray
Hancock Hall

Pam Worth
Somerset Hall

Alcohol not a bad thing

To the Editor:

The college dorm is probably the best place for a student to start his college career. The residence halls present many different choices for handling the studying, pressure, and camaraderie of college life. Partying with alcohol has always been a method man uses for blowing off steam. After a few beers, the next prelim does not loom so large in the future. A good party gives the dorm resident a chance to meet those people who've been residing in dark corners of the library the rest of the week.

Alcohol is not a bad thing and neither is a good keg party. Cases of beer limit the size of party and increase the cost. Hard liquor hits a lot of people harder than beer and hard liquor is expensive. In my opinion, tightening alcohol policy is increasing pressure on the students. Pressure is the

underlying cause of dorm damage, perhaps the next problem on the agenda of Residential Life will be dorm destruction.

Eric Wurzburg
Orono

Tax service

To the Editor:

The question has been raised whether Student Legal Services is offering income tax service this year. They are not, but I, Barbara Kleinman, one of the staff attorneys, am preparing tax returns for reasonable rates, during my lunch hour, 1:00 - 1:30, and Fridays from 9:00 - 1:00.

This is not limited to students.

Barbara Kleinman
S.L.S. Staff Attorney

Discrepancy

To the Editor:

On Nov. 5, 1980 I left the Stewart Commons snack bar with a pizza which had been paid for by my meal ticket. Two days later I received a letter from the complex director, Catherine Woods, stating that this was against University policy and had to pay a 3 dollar fine along with losing my snack bar privileges for the remainder of the semester.

Today I observed Ms. Woods eating snack bar food in the main cafeteria, which is also clearly against policy. At that time I informed her that she was violating policy but she insisted she was not breaking policy and would not return to the snack bar.

I would just like to know why she can violate University policy without punishment, while the average student gets screwed?

Terry Crabtree
211 Gannett Hall

commentary

Line hater

I hate lines. It seems like everytime you turn around you find yourself in line for some reason or another.

Waiting in line takes up time, most of the time it is unproductive and generally a pain.

There is, however, one thing worse than just waiting in line; standing around waiting for something you particularly don't look forward to.

Spending twenty minutes or more in a food line at one of the campus commons is a daily regrettable occurrence. Not only does a student spend considerable time in line, but the end result is less than satisfactory.

Oh, I know, everyone complains about college food. It's in style to put down anything on the plate. There does come a time, though, when the consistent little daily jabs come to an end and serious questions about quality are taken into consideration.

How can a person eat the main course of a meal that is not even warm? How many

times have you placed a pat of butter on some vegetables and five minutes later it's still sitting there at the same temperature as when you started?

Increasing food temperature is a must. Now let's move on to quantity. It seems like, this semester more than any other, the commons frequently run out of one of the main courses. It's not as if they run out five minutes before the line closes, that wouldn't be too bad. What's unacceptable, is when they run out after only serving for about 30 minutes.

Another problem I have with the UMO food service is "variety". I wonder if Residential Life really knows the meaning of the word when it comes time to make up the menu.

Week after week the same ol' specialties await us; roast beef au jus, beans and franks, cold cuts, roast pork and the rotating list goes on.

I believe the students deserve to expect more variety when it comes to meals. The theme or "specialty" dinners are a step in the right direction.

dave caouette

There is also one other practice that borders on the unbelievable. The so-called sick trays were developed so that a student who wasn't feeling well could sent his/her roommate with your meal ticket to the commons for some hot food to bring back to the room.

Lots of effort goes into the preparation of sick trays; 2 styrofoam cups are filled with hot water and 2 packages of Cup-A-Soup are given to the carrier. PRESTO. One sick tray to go.

After all, what can a student expect if he/she has a 21-meal plan (dorm resident) and pays \$2,000 a year for room and board?

The problems I have mentioned are just a few of the areas where Residential Life can and has to improve on. I know improvement is possible. Did you ever notice how the meals are better when it's Parent's Weekend or orientation when many parents frequent the commons?

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World news

Soviet bombers intercepted less than 200 miles off Cape Cod

OTIS AIR FORCE BASE, MASS. (AP) - Soviet bombers, apparently testing U.S. air defenses, were intercepted by Massachusetts Air National Guard fighters less than 200 miles off the Cape Cod coast for the second time in six months, officials revealed Tuesday.

Details of the incident Jan. 26 were released by the Air Force.

Maj. Richard Penny of the 102nd Fighter-Interceptor wing, said two F-106 jet fighters from Otis Air Force Base were sent into the air on orders by the North American Air Defense Command. The 102nd provides air defense for New England.

"It was a hot scramble," said Penny. "We received no advance notice."

Penny explained under those circumstances, pilots on alert are airborne less than five minutes after being alerted by air defense monitors.

The two pilots, identified as Capt. Thomas Gorman and Mark Ellis, intercepted two Soviet TU95 "Bear" bombers some 180 miles east of Cape Cod.

"Our pilots made visual contact and then kind of hung in there in the sun

and observed the aircraft," said Penny. "It was right on the fringe of our airspace."

The Soviet aircraft turned south and were escorted by Gorman and Ellis for nearly an hour before turning fighters from the New Jersey Air National Guard took over. The U.S. fighters remained some 500 feet above the Soviet planes during the incident.

Penny said the Soviet planes were escorted down the East Coast by Air Force aircraft base in Langley, Va., and Florida Air National Guard units from Jacksonville.

The ultimate destination was believed to be Cuba. The Soviet planes were loaded with electronic surveillance equipment that is believed to be used to test U.S. air defense and communications systems.

Fighters from the 102nd performed a similar intercept Sept. 25. The two incidents were the first of their kind since 1975. Penny said there was no way to tell if the Jan. 26 incident means increased activity by Soviet aircraft.

"It's hard for us to say here," he said. "It's anybody's guess what this means."



Marijuana use given final approval

MONTPELIER, VT. (AP) - Cancer and glaucoma victims would be able to use marijuana to ease their pain and nausea under legislation given final approval Tuesday by the Vermont House.

The measure, which received preliminary House approval Friday, now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The bill would authorize the state Health Commissioner to obtain the marijuana from the federal government, which grows its own cannabis on a 5-acre farm in Mississippi.

"This piece of legislation will provide significant relief to a very small number of Vermonters who are seriously ill, and in a number of cases, terminally ill," said Rep. Edgar May, D-Springfield, the chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

May said the committee heard testimony that about 100 cancer victims in Vermont who are receiving chemotherapy would be eligible for the program. About 30 of the 100 are children, he said.

FB-111A crash given top priority

AUGUSTA, MAINE (AP) - U.S. Air Force Secretary-designate Verne Orr has assured Sen. William S. Cohen, R-Maine, a full investigation of the recent crash of an FB-111A fighter-bomber near the Maine border will be a top priority, Cohen said.

Cohen said he told Orr that Mainers are concerned about the crash Friday in Portsmouth, N.H., only four months after an FB-111A from upstate New York crashed off the Maine coast near Jonesport.

No one was injured in the latest crash, which destroyed one apartment building and damaged several others.

After the crash off Jonesport last October, in which the plane's two crew

members were killed, Cohen said he asked the Air Force about the aircraft's safety.

"The response I received indicated that the record of the FB-111A compares very favorably with other fighter-bomber-type aircraft," the senator said.

"However, I am not satisfied, especially in the wake of this most recent incident, that the safety record of the craft has been as exemplary as certain statistics might indicate."

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Cohen said he will follow the Air Force's investigation closely.

Deployment of neutron warheads would reverse Carter decision

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger indicated today he may favor deployment of neutron warheads, a move that would reverse a controversial Carter administration decision.

"I think that the opportunity that this weapon gives to strengthen tactical nuclear forces is one that we very probably would want to make use of," Weinberger said at his first Pentagon news conference since becoming defense chief 14 days ago.

Weinberger stressed that "We certainly would want to consult with all of our allies and France to try to persuade them that we had a greater degree of

consistency this time" than when then-President Jimmy Carter switched position on the neutron warhead deployment question in 1978.

Obviously referring to Carter, Weinberger said that the former president's change of position on the weapon caused "consternation" in the West German government and in other allied governments.

The controversy over deployment of neutron warheads, which would be placed on Lance missiles and eight-inch artillery guns in Western Europe, was one of the most heated of the Carter administration.

Jake the cat suffers hangover

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. (AP) - A Saratoga County couple has come through a sobering experience with their 11-month-old cat, which awakened them in the middle of the night with a frightening yelp.

Sheri and Bill Estep of Clifton Park found Jake, their black and white pet, in what was apparently a heart attack - his body flopping and mouth frothing.

They rushed him to a local veterinarian, who placed the animal on the floor to observe. Jake promptly walked into a wall and keeled over.

"Is he dead?" the owners asked. "He sure is," came the reply.

"He's dead drunk," While Jake slept it off at the vet's overnight, the couple returned home to solve the mystery: a bottle of bourbon was found broken in the kitchen.

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Search for new football coach enters final stage

by Scott Cole

Two of the final four candidates for the football coach's job at UMO have been interviewed and two more will be interviewed today and Thursday as the search committee completes its task of finding a new man to take over Jack Bicknell's job.

On campus yesterday for a round of meetings and interviews was Ron Rogerson, offensive line coach at the University of Delaware, an annual opponent of the Black Bears. Rogerson is a native of Brewer and graduated from UMO in 1966. He lettered in football during the 1964 season at defensive end when the Bears finished up with a 5-3 record.

Rogerson has been at Delaware, a perennial football power with a string of NCAA Div. 2 championships to its credit, since 1971. He was initially a defensive end coach for the Blue Hens before moving on to the defensive backfield and then finally settling in at the offensive line post for the last five years. During that time the school has racked up a 42-19 record. During 1979 Rogerson's line was part of an offense which led the nation in scoring and total offense.

Today the search committee meets with a teammate of Rogerson's on that 1964 team, Mike Haley who has been the head football coach at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield for the last four years. Haley lettered in the defen-

sive backfield during the 1962-64 seasons.

He was captain of the 1964 Bears and was coached by current UMO athletic director Harold Westerman.

Thursday's candidate slated for an interview is no stranger to Maine football either, he is four year defensive line coach Vince Martino. Martino came to UMO from North Central College in Naperville, Ill. where he served as an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. Martino was formerly the head wrestling coach here also.

He coached previously at Boston College under Joe Yukica. Martino played under Yukica at New Hampshire and was captain of the 1968

Wildcats while also lettering in wrestling.

Late last week the first of the hopefuls to face the firing line was Orono High School head coach Niles Nelson. Nelson has been at Orono High for three years, each of those years the Riots have gone undefeated, won the LTC conference, and captured the state Class "B" championship.

A search committee member indicated Tuesday afternoon that this week's interviews would wind up the search process. A decision on the identity of the new head coach is expected some time next week. Search committee chairman Doctor Kenneth W. Allen was unavailable for comment.

Wrestlers victorious

by Nolan Tanous

The University of Maine wrestling team dominated the Mt. Allison Invitational at Sackville, New Brunswick last weekend sweeping with eight victories in eight matches.

Maine's closest match was against Acadia. Maine came out on top 36-29. The UM-Presque Isle also gave Maine a close match but bowed out 36-28.

Maine defeated their other opponents by convincing scores. St. Francis Xavier fell to Maine 54-8; Mt. Allison 58-5; Dalhousie 58-3; University of Newfoundland 54-9; and the University of Moncton 66-0.

Maine was led by Captain Steve Yale (150 lbs.) who had a perfect day with eight victories each by pinning his opponents. Heavyweights Paul Hughes, Andre Pelletier (190 lbs.), Maynard Pelletier (177 lbs.), and Arvid Cullenberg (167 lbs.), each had seven wins in eight matches. Most of these victories were also by pins.

Others who wrestled well for Maine included Tim Callahan (118 lbs.) with six wins and Bill Roebelen (158 lbs.), Scott Wilder (142 lbs.), and Mike Friel (126 lbs.), each with five wins. Tony Goodwin, wrestling with an injured shoulder, had four wins.

Final team scores were: UMO 395, New Brunswick 316, St. Francis Xavier 266, Acadia 261, Mt. Allison 230, UM-Presque Isle 229, University of Newfoundland 163, Dalhousie 146, and the University of Moncton 97.

The eight victories boosted Maine's record to 12-3.

Swimmers defeat Colgate, Syracuse

by Bruce Farrin

The varsity swimmers prepared for their home week with Boston University with a weekend sweep in New York of the Colgate and Syracuse Universities by scores of 68-45 and 66-47 respectively.

"For a couple of away meets, we had some fast times," said coach Alan Switzer. "Our times were quite a bit lower than those against the Canadian swim teams the last couple weeks."

"We were trying to be solid the past weekend for the upcoming meet with B.U. However, our main objective continues to be to prepare swimmers for the Easterns," he said.

In the first meet at Colgate Friday night, Maine won the first three events, good for a 20-5 bulge, and coasted to their eighth victory of the year.

The Bears were led by double winners Rich Sarson and Chuck Martin. Brian Strachan and Dale Schultz again swept the one and three meter diving events. The 400 medly relay of Peter Farragher, Rich Wells, Bruce Johansson and Steve Ferenczy got things rolling for Maine with a 3:34 victory in the opening event. Sarson followed with a victory in the 1000 free before Martin and Pete Zeiger finished one-two to sweep the 200 free. Farragher easily took the 200 butterfly before Ferenczy narrowly won the 100 free. Martin and Farragher combined to sweep the 200 backstroke before Sarson captured his second event, the 500 free.

On Saturday at Syracuse, Maine

again got off quickly, rolling up a 15-1 lead after the first two events. But Syracuse was able to close the margin before the Bears, let by Farragher, Rich Pariser, Ferenczy and Martin, were able to pull the meet away. More importantly for Maine in this meet were the qualifying times for the Easterns by Ferenczy in the 100 free and Sarson in the 500 free.

The Bears again used the medley combination of Farragher, Wells, Johansson and Ferenczy to win the 400 medley relay in an uncontested 3:38. Sarson and Jeff Smith contested that performance with a sweep of the 100 free. After Syracuse wiped out Maine's advantage by capturing the next four events, team captain Farragher sprinted to victory in the 200 butterfly. Ferenczy followed with a win in the 100 free before Martin and Farragher swept the 200 backstroke. Maine won the final event, the 400 free relay, using the combination of Zeiger, Ferenczy, Smith and Martin to narrowly nip Syracuse.

With the weekend sweep, the varsity

swimmers now sport a 9-2 record as they will await the invasion of Boston University this Saturday at 1 p.m. B.U. has never beaten the Bears in five tries.

"The B.U. team doesn't have any weak areas," Switzer said. "It will be our strengths against theirs."

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Sports

Mercer keys Bears over BU, 73-58

by Ernie Clark

Senior co-captain Jim Mercer tossed in a career-high 29 points to lead Maine to a 73-58 basketball victory over Boston University Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Fall River, Mass., native bombed in 18 first half points to stake the Black Bears to a 36-20 halftime lead, and then hit some key foul shots down the stretch to preserve Maine's 11th win in 19 outings.

Rick Carlisle added 18 points (10 foul shots) and Jeff Sturgeon came off the bench to score 10 points for Maine. BU forward Tony Simms paced the Terriers' losing effort with 20 points, 13 in the first half.

Boston University was expecting a dose of Champ Godbolt in the first half, but instead it was Mercer lighting up the scoreboard at Memorial Gymnasium as he hit for 18 points on an assortment of jump shots and a pair of wide-open layups.

But the first half was also the story of Clay Gunn. The ECAC-North's second leading rebounder, while scoring only two points, was a defensive titan as he helped lead the Black Bears to a surprising 16-point halftime edge. Gunn gathered in six rebounds while limiting BU's main inside threat, 6-5 forward Arturo Brown, to just three points in the first half.

Both teams started out tense, with the Black Bears having some difficulty solving the Terriers' cat-like 1-2-2 zone press. A Dave Wyman layup on a give and go move from Gunn gave Maine a 12-10 lead at the 13:16 mark and forced BU's fiery coach, Rick Pittano, into a timeout.

But instead of stalling Maine's momentum, Pittano's time out did little more than to put his own players to sleep. Mercer hit on three jumpers to key a 10-2 Black Bear surge and give Maine the comfortable 10-point advantage they would enjoy for the remainder of the first half. The 6-2 senior's longest bomb, a 22-footer from the left side put Maine up by that ten-point margin and had Pittano screaming for defense.

Maine became very patient on offense, a trait that has gotten the team very far this season, and it paid off again against the run-and-gun Terrier club. BU could come as close as 24-16 in the



Jim Mercer canned this jumper en route to a career high 29 points last night. [Gina Ferrazi photo]

first half on a Simms 10-foot jumper, but the Terriers were clearly out of synch against Maine's deliberate offense.

Mercer connected on three successive hoops to put Maine up 30-16 at the 4:05 mark before the Black Bears went into a semi-freeze, taking only open layups. The move paid off as Maine killed two-and-one half minutes off the clock before Gunn scored on a one-on-one move past BU's John Teague. Arturo Brown hit on a jumper and Brett Brown nailed two free throws, but a Mercer layup from a nice Dave Wyman feed and two Sturgeon free throws gave Maine its big halftime lead.

Teague single-handedly threatened to get BU into the game at the beginning of the second half as he sandwiched two inside hoops around a block of a Mercer layup to cut the

Maine lead to 36-24, but Sturgeon answered Teague with a 10-foot jumper and a feed to Gunn for a layup to keep the Maine margin at 16 points with 16 minutes to play.

Then "deja vu" took over as Gunn drew his fourth foul at the 15:02 mark and Jeff Cross, like he did last Saturday against Drexel, came in to shore up the interior defense and limit the Terriers to 15-foot jumpers.

The Black Bears extended their lead to 49-26 with 9:39 to play as Carlisle, Mercer, Sturgeon and Godbolt all hit on driving layups to complete an eight point Black Bear run.

By this time, Pittano was beside himself and countered with a shuttle service reminiscent of a Maine-BU hockey game. The BU coach inserted five new players into the lineup to shut down Maine's "Patience Torture", but the new five had only as much success as the first team.

BU managed to cut the Maine lead to 49-33 with 8:00 left in the contest on a Teague layup, but Carlisle connected on two free throws and a short jumper to keep the Black Bears safely in front of the now 8-9 Terriers.

BU resorted to the foul as their only counter to the winding-down clock, but Maine answered with timely free throw shooting to ice their fifth straight victory. Maine hit 18 of 23 free throws during the final six minutes of the contest as the Terriers were willing to foul Maine every time the Bears took the ball out of bounds. Using this strategy, the Terriers got as close as 72-58 with four seconds remaining, but for Rick Pittano, his coaching record against Skip Chappelle falls to 0-4.

AROUND THE RIM: With all the "home" games being played in Bangor and Portland, one might think that the tremendous home court advantage of "The Pit" would be little more than history. But the Black Bear basketball team is 5-0 in games played in Memorial Gymnasium this season, prior to Tuesday's clash with Boston University, a testimony to the fact that the home court edge that keeps teams like Holy Cross away from campus lives on.

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